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First for giving families a fresh start

A COUNCIL scheme set up to support families in crisis and give them a fresh start is among the most successful in the capital.

The royal borough's Families 1st programme has seen better results than other similar schemes in London according to government figures.

They show that three-quarters of the families getting support from Families 1st have been able to turn their lives around. This amounts to 266 families - more than anywhere else in London.

by Dick Townsend-Smith

The programme, run with partners from the voluntary sector, was launched to help troubled families turn their lives around and to get individual family members into work. It's part of an initiative known nationally as 'Troubled Families', which works with families helping them to tackle a range of problems including youth crime, anti-social behaviour, truancy, unemployment or health concerns.

A dedicated key worker is appointed to

get the root causes of problems within the home. They provide high levels of support and also set challenging targets for family members to achieve to get their lives back on track.

Council staff spend time in the family home and reduce their contact as families gain the skills and confidence to go forward without help.

The borough's Families 1st successes have included:

- Getting adults into training or employment, with some working for the very first time

- Tackling long-term anti-social behaviour
- Getting children back into school and improving their results
- Improving relationships between family members
- Preventing families from being evicted through signing up to payment plans.

Eric Pickles MP, the minister for communities and local government, met local families when he came to learn about the royal borough scheme in

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Grateful for job opportunity with superstore

Star Letter

ABOUT this time last year, several GT articles highlighted the opening of the Tesco-Woolwich Superstore with particular emphasis on job opportunities offered to locals.
November 26 marked the one-year anniversary of the opening of the store, where I currently work and the run-up to this milestone has made me take stock.
I was one of the thousands who applied last year. As I stood in the long queues in the

GLLaB office to present my application, I came to appreciate first-hand how tough the job market is.

To my surprise I was one of the few hundred chosen for a position!

For me, this has been the first significant step back to recovery following redundancy in 2011.

Call me old-fashioned and sentimental - however, I should like to express my gratitude to Greenwich Council and Tesco for facilitating job offers to locals such as myself. I, for one, do not take these efforts for granted.

Patricio Pires, Thamesmead

● **THANKS** for writing in Patricio. It's great to hear that the new job is going well. The royal borough and its Local Labour Service is committed to ensuring that local people have the best opportunities to benefit from the regeneration and development of the borough. Since November last year 304 local people have been employed at the Woolwich Tesco.

Pic Spot... send yours to greenwichtime@outlook.com



SAM MCCARTHY: 'It's not only me that's in love with the transformation of the Cutty Sark on a crisp winter's night'

Please stop tunnel cyclists

I USE the Greenwich foot tunnel every day to walk to work. The current refurbishments are very welcome and will make my daily commute more pleasant. However, something really needs to be done to stop the cyclists ruining the experience for everyone else. Most ignore the no cycling signs and ride through at extremely high speeds, often nearly knocking pedestrians out of the way in their rush. I am even more dismayed at the new trend where they are riding out of the lift, using it like the start line for a race. I hope the council has plans to rectify the problem as it is getting out of hand and inevitably will be the cause of an accident in the near future.

Tonia Evans, Blackheath

● A spokesperson for the royal borough said: "We are glad to hear that Tonia welcomes the improvements to the foot tunnel that are now underway. Cycling is not permitted in the foot tunnel. The council would never condone thoughtless or reckless behaviour by any cyclist using them, however, it is mindful that the ban on cycling was introduced at a time when the number of pedestrians and cyclists using them was very different to nowadays. As such it is therefore committed to reviewing the situation at the foot tunnels shortly in order to find a solution which meets the need of all users of the tunnel."

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

Dec 3 - 7pm Eltham Local Housing Panel (at St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street)

Dec 4 - Best Value Review team: Drug and Alcohol Services, 7pm, committee

room 4
Woolwich Riverside Local Housing Panel.

Dec 9 - Licensing Sub-Committee B, 5pm, Committee Room 6

Avery Hill & Coldharbour Local Housing Panel. 7pm (at Avery Hill Christian Fellowship Hall)

Dec 10 - Planning board,

6.30pm, committee room 4&5

Dec 11 - 7pm, cabinet, rooms 4&5

Dec 12 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel, 6.30pm, committee room 6

Glyndon & West Plumstead Local Housing Panel

Dec 17 - Licensing Sub-Committee C, 2pm, committee room 4

Dec 18 - Licensing sub committee A, 5pm, committee room 6
Greenwich Area Planning Committee, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

Dec 19 - Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm, committee room 4

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

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Pupils take over Cutty Sark

by Ian Lamont

TREASURE hunts and places to hide would be part of the Cutty Sark visitor experience, if children who 'took over' the famous landmark had their way.

A class from St Alfege's with St Peter's Primary, in Greenwich, had plenty of "brilliant" ideas, said Cutty Sark learning manager Catherine Stevenson.

The 28 youngsters presented their feedback through films and written reports to managers at the end of Kids in Museums Takeover Day.

It was a national scheme organised by the independent charity Kids in Museums and the Children's Commissioner.

Catherine said: "They came up with some brilliant ideas. They said we could do a treasure hunt, or have hiding places. They wanted fun and jokes and comedy. They had some really nice ideas which they had started to think through.

"One of them said perhaps we could have clues and you could use a compass as your guide, so they were thinking

of things that used sailor skills."

She added that the day was one part of a bigger review of how visitors explore the Cutty Sark, featuring feedback from groups and families, too.

Ideas will now be analysed to see what can be done in the short and long term, she said.

Catherine added of Takeover Day: "We would love to do something similar again next year, maybe as part of a slightly different programme."

Children had the chance not only to offer insights about improvements to the visitor experience but see how jobs were done in museums.

One youngster who visited the Cutty Sark, Arianna Everley, aged 10, said: "I think it's really great that you're asking children what they think of Cutty Sark. As you're improving it for the children it would be better to ask it straight from them. Sometimes adults don't understand."

TAKING CHARGE: Children examine treasures at the Cutty Sark and (inset) make films to give their feedback



'My life has totally changed'

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September.

Beneficiaries include a Plumstead mum-of-five who said: "I had low self-esteem and they helped me, speaking to me not as someone in authority but as a friend.

"They work with the children as well, helping them get into clubs and on courses. They helped me go on a cookery course and a food and hygiene course, and I've had two job offers so far.

"My life has completely changed. They brought my confidence up and made me feel that I wasn't a failure any more."

A Charlton family got help sorting out housing benefit, rent arrears and council tax. The mother who has five children, said: "We were just hitting a brick wall. But our case worker, was absolutely fantastic.

"She helped with some education issues

with my daughters' schooling, organised activities for my children during the school holidays and helped my son with getting an apprenticeship. She has done so much."

Families 1st is one of several royal borough initiatives set up to help struggling families tackle poverty.

CLR Chris Roberts, leader of the royal borough, said: "Many congratulations to all the families who have taken steps to turn their fortunes around.

"The high numbers willing to get involved with Families 1st is a great testament to their willingness to tackle their problems. It also demonstrates the hard work and commitment of all our staff who support them.

"Families 1st supports our policy to raise people's skills, qualifications and aspirations so that they know they are important to making the future of Royal Greenwich a success for all."

Decision on fire station within weeks

A DECISION on the future of Woolwich's historic fire station is expected within weeks.

A judicial review into the closure of 12 fire stations across London finished at the High Court on Friday. A decision is expected either just before Christmas or early in the new year.

The royal borough

joined six other London councils to fight plans to close fire stations as part of an efficiency drive.

The councils argued that the plan does not take into account fire risk factors in inner London, which is more densely populated, has more deprived and disadvantaged residents who are at greater risk

from fire, and where fire responses are often more complex.

Woolwich's station, in Sunbury Street, built in 1887, is said to be the oldest in the capital.

If the plans go ahead, the capital would also lose 14 fire engines along with 552 operational posts and the fire stations would close early in January.

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Every bit of food helps

Supermarket shoppers give generously for borough's foodbank

SHOPPERS at Tesco Extra in Woolwich donated thousands of items to Greenwich Foodbank from Friday to Sunday.

The supermarket chain has chosen to support the Trussell Trust, the national organisation which supports local food banks, meaning that items were destined for the borough's eight outlets run by the Greenwich Foodbank.

Shoppers such as Alan and Pam Jones, from Eltham, were greeted with fliers listing desired items, handed out by Police Cadets on the way into the store.

The couple were happy to give. Mrs Jones said: "I think they could do it more often. I feel we should try to help because people are in genuine need. We'd rather give that than money."

Trolleys soon filled up with cereal, pasta, soups, Christmas puddings, jams, tinned food, biscuits, sugar and tea and coffee. Cash donations were also accepted. Tesco added 30 per cent to the total and also had donation points at their stores across the borough from November 18.

Another resident Lilian Njoku, from Woolwich, said: "I give to this sort of thing anyway, but it's nice to have the stall here. I see people in need in the borough."

Police Cadets such as Chawhan Memdharry (Crown Woods) and Kaitlyn Hurdwelo (St Paul's) readily gave up their



GIVING: Alan and Pam Jones split by Monica Barretto of the foodbank and cadet Kaitlyn Hurdwell

inset day on Friday to help out.

The Rev Paul Rogers, one of the Greenwich food bank's directors, said people donate a huge amount of pasta and tins containing items such as baked beans. But he emphasised that items such as long-life milk and soups, to go with the pasta, were also needed.

There are foodbank outlets in each of the borough's eight towns, while the warehouse is a former royal borough office, donated by the council, in Orangery

Lane, Eltham.

There are permanent collection points at several churches, plus Woolwich Centre and Greenwich Community College.

People are referred to receive food via a voucher system available through welfare agencies such as the job centre, social services or housing associations.

● For more information about receiving help from food bank can call the borough's welfare department public advice line on 020 8921 6375.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE

Asparagus helps make Daniel a Master Chef



MASTER AT WORK: Daniel Sutton was crowned the Greenwich Master Chef schools champion

DANIEL Sutton has been crowned the first winner of the Greenwich Master Chef competition for students.

The contest was run by Shooters Hill Post 16, which has catering courses and a restaurant, and ran the contest for Year 11 and 12 students across the borough.

There were four contestants at last Wednesday's finals, Daniel winning with a recipe of sticky chicken, rice and asparagus.

Daniel had been put through to the final from Eltham Hill Post 16, where he is studying hospitality BTECH level 3.

He beat other entrants from John Roan, Shooters Hill, Plumstead Manor and Greenwich Community College.

Stephen Wilson, head of catering and hospitality at Shooters Hill, said: "The reason for doing the competition was to increase awareness about cooking food

and also about emphasising the career paths. There are huge opportunities to get into catering."

The judges included professional chefs who tasted the entries. Entrants were given the choice of preparing a poultry dish or a vegetarian one with ingredients limited to £12.

"They all chose chicken dishes served with rice," said Stephen.

"The winner chose to serve grilled asparagus, which was quite something. All the judges were quite impressed with that. It's quite a complex thing to do."

"I think it was the flavour combination of sticky chicken and rice and the asparagus flavour which impressed, as well as the presentation."

Another competition is planned for next year, when it is hoped more schools and colleges will enter pupils.

Youngsters seek out apprenticeship advice

YOUNG people looking for an apprenticeship to help launch them on a new career were given expert advice at drop-in sessions in Woolwich last week.

About 60 people went along when four sessions were held by GLLaB - the council-sponsored learning and jobs agency - on Wednesday (November 27).

Candidates heard that apprenticeships were on offer with local firms in building trades, hairdressing, cooking and hospitality. The royal borough also has apprenticeships in caretaking, finance, postal services and call centres.

Successful candidates will also be offered a five-day, pre-apprenticeship course to help with writing a CV and

preparing for an interview.

Apprentice hopeful Alfie Gennings, 19, from Plumstead said: "I'm here today because it's very important for me to get a job after being unemployed, and I want to work in construction."

And Austin Elecki, 17, from Abbey Wood, said: "I want to work in engineering, which will mean a two-year apprenticeship."

Cllr Denise Hyland, the borough's cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Apprenticeships are increasingly important to help people establish themselves on the ladder to a career, giving them important qualifications for their future."



APPRENTICE HOPEFULS: Bailey Guy, 17, from Thamesmead, Austin Elecki, 17, from Abbey Wood, and Alfie Gennings, 19, from Plumstead

Arts extension opens at community centre

by Dan Stephens

BOROUGH residents will now have even more opportunities to take part in exciting art, music, dance and drama activities with the completion of an extension of the Greenwich West Community Centre.

The extension was officially handed over to the Community Centre by Cathedral Group last Monday (November 25).

Its completion marks the latest stage of 'The Movement,' a high-profile development project that will see new homes, amenities and a hotel built in Greenwich town centre.

The new extension provides four extra multi-purpose rooms and 2000 square feet of new floor space for dance, drama, meetings and language classes. It will increase the venue's capacity by 250 people and houses an exhibition space for art and music, and a café.

The Movement is due for completion in 2014 and will be highly sustainable mixed-use residential community.

It will boast new apartments, a 358-bed student village, education and office spaces, a health and fitness club, a convenience food store, nursery and a series of business 'start up' units.

A Travelodge 104-bed business hotel is also to be built on the site and the development will be located along a new public, pedestrian-friendly street connecting the DLR with Norman Road.

Cllr Chris Roberts, Leader of the Royal Borough said: "I'm delighted to see West Greenwich Community Centre's exten-



HANDOVER: Cathedral Group CEO Richard Upton, council leader Cllr Chris Roberts and Martin Elliot, chairman at West Greenwich arts and community centre and (above) how the centre will look on full completion

sion is open and ready to host a versatile mix of different activities local people.

"The Royal Borough has a strong commitment to ensuring that residents have the opportunity to increase their participation in physical and cultural activities through the development of new facilities and the new space created here will further help this. When the Movement is

completed in 2014 it will be a modern sustainable and vibrant new community that will be an important stage in the regeneration of Greenwich town centre.

"We have been able to work with the developers Cathedral and the centre to connect the existing community of Greenwich to the one taking shape at The Movement."

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

Carers urged to ask for aid

by Dan Stephens

CARERS from across the royal borough gathered at Charlton House to mark national carers' rights day last Friday.

The drop-in event, jointly organised by the royal borough and the Greenwich Carers' Centre, had a 'market place' of services on show designed to support carers and the people they care for.

This included advice on benefits, carer support services, employment, social care and keeping healthy.

The event was part of a campaign by the royal borough and the Greenwich Carers' Centre that encourages carers to apply for a 'Carer's Assessment'.

This is a discussion about a carer's role and how caring impacts on their life.

It looks at what support is available to a carer and, by completing the assessment, carers will receive advice and access to support services.

They can also find out if they are eligible for a carer's personal budget of between £50 and £500 and find information on practical support available for the person they care for.

Kristina Chesher, who lives in Thamesmead, has been a full-time carer for her grandmother Margaret Moyes since July 2011.

She completed a carer's assessment and was awarded a £250 personal budget from the scheme alongside her carer's allowance and income support.

She told GT: "I'm a full time carer looking after my nan, living with her during the day. I help her out with lots of things, from getting dressed and out of bed to providing her with food and drink."

On the challenges she faces as a carer, she explained: "Nan has dementia and sometimes forgets things that I say."

"She sometimes gets confused about things like doctor's appointments."

"I wanted to help my nan, who couldn't cope on her own. We first contacted Greenwich Council through social services and they told us about our options. We have an upstairs flat and now have had rails and steps to help access to the patio."

Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for adult and older people's services, said: "Carers provide a vital role across Greenwich and there is



ADVICE: Carers were given guidance at Charlton House when the borough marked carers' rights day

a range of financial support available to full-time carers.

"Not everyone who is a carer defines themselves as such and therefore may be missing out on the funding and support they are entitled to."

"I'd urge anyone who provides regular support for a partner, relative, neighbour or friend to get a Carers Assessment which will give access to advice and also a personal budget of up to £500."

● **To arrange an assessment, call 020 8921 2304 or for general advice call the Greenwich Advice Line on 0300 555 1515.**
● **If you provide support for someone with a long-term illness, disability, age-related frailty, mental health problem or drug or alcohol problems then you may be eligible for financial help. For full details visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/carers or call 020 8921 6375. Benefits checks can also be arranged on this number.**

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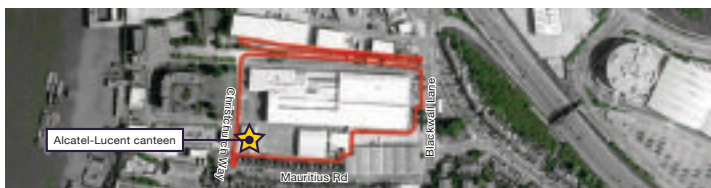
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The project team will be available to discuss the proposals with you and answer any questions that you may have. We are looking forward to hearing your comments.

If you have any queries about the exhibition, you can email via the website www.telegraph-works.com or kelly.phillips@indigoplanning.com

We look forward to meeting you.

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Volunteer cooks increase shelter meals

VOLUNTEER cooks have set about their huge task of making around 3,000 meals for the 999 winter club shelter in Deptford.

The shelter for the homeless opened on Monday (December 2) and it is hoped that fundraising can keep it open until March.

The group of volunteers has grown over three winters from five friends who met each week in a cafe, to a 50-strong group of residents from Greenwich.

While the 999 Club winter project is run by St Alfege Church, not all the volunteers are churchgoers.

For the past three winters, about 2,000 meals have been made.

The volunteers shop, chop, cook, deliver and wash up to ensure that every guest that passes through the 999 Club Night Shelter has a good evening meal, including pudding.

This year, not only is the group aiming to increase the number of meals by 50 per cent, but the shelter also needs a minimum of paid staff, making fundraising vital.

Guests routinely stay for weeks while day time support at the 999 Club helps them to find hostels, permanent accommodation, detox,

rehabilitation, benefits, help with employment, debt, clothes and education.

A collection will be taken at the candlelit service of nine lessons and carols at the church at 6.30pm on Sunday December 15.

Donations can also be made at www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/stalfegefund

● **To find out more about the suppers, contact Sally Hughes (St Alfege Parish Church), 020 8858 7936 or 07796 677471 or sally.hughes753@ntlworld.com**
● **To find out more about The 999 Club contact Paul Hughes, night shelter co-ordinator, 020 8694 5797 or nightshelter@999club.org**

Teen sentenced for sexual assault

A 17-year-old from Greenwich was sentenced on November 22 to a supervision order for 24 months after being found guilty of sexual assault by touching. Sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court, he was also given a sexual offences prevention order preventing him from:

● Approaching, communicating with or seeking to communicate with any lone female travelling on any form of public transport unless the female is employed by a transport provider and the purpose of the communication is about a travel enquiry.
● Using an Oyster Card on public transport, unless it is registered in his own name.

This order is in place until he is 21. The teenager was arrested in connection with an attack on October 22, 2011, where he followed a 14-year-old girl off a bus and tried to engage her in conversation before grabbing and sexually assaulting her.

● A man has been charged with robbery and remanded in custody by magistrates after an appeal in Greenwich Time.

Joshua Chapman, 22, from Erith, was arrested on November 22, after officers in Plumstead received information from the public through Crimestoppers. Bexley magistrates ordered him to reappear at Woolwich Crown Court on December 6.

Boost for the arts

THE council, Greenwich Dance and Greenwich Theatre have launched ambitious plans for the future of some of the borough's most prestigious performing arts centres.

The royal borough last week committed £5 million so that a bid for matched funding can be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

This is for a multi-million pound refurbishment and renovation of the Borough Halls, home to Greenwich Dance and the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival.

The borough is also working with the theatre to explore the future of the building.

Cllr Peter Kotz, borough cabinet member for culture, said: "The developments mark a major commitment by the council to enhance further the cultural offer through the improvement to the fabric of the facilities at a time when many other boroughs are cutting support for the arts."

"Tourism and cultural industries are a key contributor to the local economy, and our support for the arts recognises the important role they play in attracting visitors to the borough who in turn support more than 12,000 jobs."

"Our local arts organisations are tremendously well-respected in the borough, and throughout the performing arts community."

"We are determined to work with our partners to create the facilities



REVAMP PLAN: Greenwich Borough Halls could become a performing arts hub

that they, and the borough as a whole, deserve."

Greenwich Dance chair, Peter Conway, welcomed the proposal to make "significant investment" and improvements at the halls.

He said: "We look forward to working in close collaboration with the royal borough to ensure our vibrant cultural offer is matched by state-of-the-art facilities across the borough."

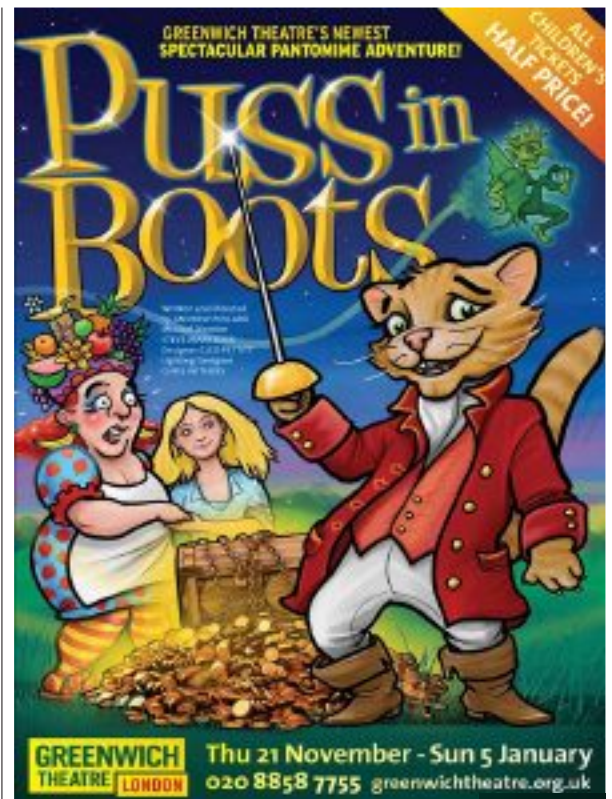
James Haddrell, artistic and executive director of Greenwich Theatre, said: "Royal Greenwich is a borough with a long cultural history, home to companies and

venues of national importance.

"When the arts are facing cuts across the country, the local authority's commitment to continuing and ultimately improving that provision is an impressive one."

A bid for Heritage Lottery Funding will be made in the new year.

● **Greenwich Dance and Trinity Laban is looking for young people aged 13 to 20 to lead a youth cabaret and run dance events. To find out more visit www.greenwichdance.org.uk or call Caron Loudy on 020 82939741.**



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Nominate your community heroes



YOUNG ACHIEVER: Weightlifter Zoe Smith was honoured for her achievements at this year's awards

DO YOU know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to their community?

Maybe their efforts have been of benefit to business or the economy.

Maybe you know someone who has made a major contribution as a volunteer in the past year or, as a young person, achieved something really outstanding.

Or perhaps they have left a lasting impression over so many years they deserve a lifetime achievement award.

If you know people whose efforts you think should be given public acclaim, then why not enter them in the royal borough's civic awards?

They are open to individuals, organisations or businesses who have made an outstanding contribution to the social, economic and physical wellbeing of the borough.

The deadline for entries is Friday, January 10, 2014 and the winners will be selected by a panel headed by the Mayor,

Cllr Angela Cornforth, who will present the awards at the Woolwich Centre in March.

There are nine categories:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Achiever of the Year (under 25s for sporting, artistic, cultural, educational or business achievement)
- Contribution to the Community Award – for an individual or organisation
- Business & Innovation Award – for an individual or business
- Contribution to Economic Prosperity – for an organisation or project.
- Contribution to culture, sport and the arts – for an individual or organisation
- Contribution to public service in the royal borough
- Lifetime achievement award (minimum 20 years)
- Full descriptions of each category can be found at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/civicawards where nominations can be made.

FOSTERING INFORMATION EVENTS SIGN UP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTERING

We will be holding an information event for people who are interested in finding out more about fostering.

Venue:

The Woolwich Centre,
Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ

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Tuesday 10 December 2013
7pm to 9pm

Booking a place:

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Woolwich wonders

TOWN centre festivities continue on weekends with fairground rides, food stalls and Christmas films on the big screen on Saturday and Sunday until December 22. Christmas craft markets are running on December 7 and 14 as part of the Woolwich Winter Warmer. Singalong Saturday, a day of vocal celebration with performances from school and community choirs, is on December 14 from 11am to 5pm. Schools or groups wishing to take part should email events@royalgreenwich.gov.uk. Children can join a free drop in lantern workshop at Woolwich library from 11.30am to 3pm on December 7 before the Woolwich Winter Warmer Christmas Countdown. Singalong Saturday, a day of vocal celebration with performances from school and community choirs, is on December 14 from 11am to 5pm. Schools or groups wishing to take part should email events@royalgreenwich.gov.uk. For information on Christmas events visit royalgreenwich.gov.uk/whatson

CHILDREN from four local schools (St Alfege, Meridian, St Matthews and James Wolfe) led the festivities with a lantern procession for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Greenwich town centre last Wednesday. They held Christmas Carol lanterns inspired by the carols Ding Dong Merrily on High, We Three Kings, Holly and The Ivy, Joy to the World, Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Led by a New Orleans Jazz Quartet from Trinity Laban, Greenwich conservatoire of music and contemporary dance, the children and band will wind their way through the streets of Greenwich, past the Cutty Sark, accompanied by the Mayor, Nick Raynsford MP, Hugh Player (director of Greenwich Hospital) and characters from the Greenwich Panto Puss in Boots. The big countdown was led by Sarah Jane Honeywell from CBeeBees and characters from this year's Greenwich Theatre panto Puss in Boots. The new Christmas lights are extra sparkly – globes of light and frosty sparkles that illuminate the covered market. Sarah Jane, who has led the countdown to the Greenwich lights

on for the past three years. She said: "Greenwich Market Lights On is the most magical in London and I love the fact the kids get to participate and you can shop!" Everyone joined in singing Christmas Carols, and there was a chance to meet Father Christmas who'll be in his grotto on weekends from 12.30 - 5.30pm. Festive shoppers can also visit around 150 craft and designer maker stalls and shops which will be open daily from Monday December 9 to 4pm on Tuesday December 24. Gillie Bexson from Greenwich Hospital, said: "Greenwich Hospital were really pleased to sponsor the Greenwich schools lantern parade again this year and invite the local children and their families to the turning on of the new Christmas lights in the market. The children made a fantastic effort and it was lovely to see everyone having such a good time in the market. We were very lucky to have the support of Nick Raynsford MP and the Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor Angela Cornforth, who both led the parade with Hugh Player, director Greenwich Hospital. Many thanks to Waitrose too for the delicious mince pies."

LADS AND LASSES OF THE LANTERNS: local pupils parade with carol-themed lanterns while below left, Sarah Jane Honeywell and the Puss in Boots panto cast prepare for the lights on



Operation targets domestic violence

Blitz nets 27 offenders across the borough

TWENTY-SEVEN people were arrested across the borough for a range of domestic violence related offences last week.

They were apprehended for a range of offences including assaults, criminal damage and harassment as part of Operation Athena.

The Met Police operation, which focuses on domestic violence and abuse, saw officers proactively targeting dangerous and prolific offenders with arrests made in Abbey Wood, Eltham, Woolwich, Plumstead, Thamesmead and Maze Hill.

Police from a special unit funded by the royal borough to tackle domestic violence have also been conducting welfare and reassurance visits to domestic violence victims and ensuring that those on bail for a range of offences are adhering to their bail conditions.

Detective Inspector Scott Walker, in charge of the operation, said: "Domestic abuse should not and

cannot be ignored.

"In Greenwich, we have a dedicated team of trained officers able to deal with domestic violence issues and are also in touch with a wide range of organisations that understand such abuse and can offer support.

"Anyone out there suffering should call us. We can help and will deal promptly with any reports."

The police operation came in the

'We have a dedicated team of trained officers to deal with domestic violence'

same week of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women last Monday.

The day was designated by the United Nations to raise assembly to combat and raise awareness of violence against women and to highlight the scale and true nature of the issue that is often hidden.

The royal borough has five refuge houses available to women who are fleeing domestic violence. It also supports a number of projects to offer advice and support with issues like housing transfers and welfare benefits.

Cllr Maureen O'Mara, the royal borough's cabinet member for community safety, said: "We take this issue very seriously and work closely with the police to raise awareness and to let people know that help is available."

● **For an immediate response call 999. In a non-emergency call 101**
For help and advice call Greenwich Domestic Violence and Abuse Service 020 8317 8273 of The Her Centre on 020 8260 7772 or visit www.hercentre.org

Stay warm, stay safe

THIS winter the royal borough is providing extra services and support for residents who may be at risk during the cold weather courtesy of Stay Warm Stay Safe.

Services include:

- advice and help on fuel bills
- a benefits check by the council's welfare rights service
- home visits offering extra support
- home fire safety check
- advice on keeping active and healthy in the winter months
- a free room thermometer and blanket.

Residents over 60, those caring for a young or vulnerable person, or who are having problems

paying fuel bills could benefit from Stay Warm Stay Safe. Residents with mental health problems, learning disabilities, physical or sensory impairments are also encouraged to contact the scheme.

The borough is also encouraging residents to refer others if they think they could use the service's help.

Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for adults and older people said: "Extreme weather conditions can make life difficult for vulnerable people.

"The royal borough is providing a range of advice and support services to help people at risk during cold weather through the Stay Warm Stay Safe scheme.

"Residents who are concerned that they won't be able to keep warm this winter should contact the service for support. Equally those who have concerns about a friend or neighbour should give us a call."

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Branch out and plant a free tree

SCHOOLS, sports clubs, community groups, Guides and Brownies can receive free trees to plant to make their neighbourhood greener.

Conservation charity The Woodland Trust is giving away thousands of young trees for groups to plant. Applications must be received by January 9.

Organisations can apply for a small pack of 30 trees, a medium pack (105 trees) or a large pack (420).

Schools are automatically eligible for free packs of 30 trees, but will be considered for the medium and large packs if they prefer.

Medium or large tree packs are available from six themes – trees ideal for year-round colour, wild harvest, wildlife, wetland, working wood and wild wood. Anyone successfully applying for a spring pack will receive their trees ready for planting in March.

Since the trust started its free tree scheme, nearly 300 packs have been sent to Greater London, providing more than 51,000 new trees.

Beverley Gormley, the trust's tree packs project manager, said: "Planting these free trees will not only help people make their schools and neighbourhoods greener and healthier.

"It's also a great chance for people to do something meaningful together for their local community.

"And getting children involved is the perfect way to teach them about their environment and help them connect with nature."

● Apply for a free tree pack at www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees

Nepalese youth open



DOING THE HONOURS: Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford lights a Nepalese lamp to declare the centre open



CLOSE KNIT: Members of the Nepalese community celebrate the opening of the new hub with cabinet member for children's services Cllr Jackie Smith and Cllrs Jim and Janet Gillman, MP Nick Raynsford and GLA member Len Duvall

TASTY home-made Nepalese snacks were handed round to VIP guests when the borough's newest youth hub was declared open.

MP Nick Raynsford and GLA member Len Duvall performed the opening ceremony for the Nepalese community's building by lighting a traditional Nepalese lamp to bring good luck, and unveiled the youth hub logo.

The event at the hub, based at The Valley, Charlton, was attended by Cllr Jackie Smith, the royal borough's cabinet

member for children's services.

The hub has been set up by the skills and care social enterprise in partnership with the Charlton Athletic Community Trust, which the royal borough funds.

It is one of the first in the UK specially for the Nepalese community, and will run special projects aimed at young people.

Fatta Thapa, one of the trustees, said: "The opening ceremony went very well, and about 120 people attended.

"The Nepalese community is very excited about the new hub and to have a

place of their own. Children aged 11 to 19 can have music and dance lessons, and take part in folk dancing and have guitar lessons.

"We are hoping to have other education studies that will be designed to make our young people good human beings."

The hub is open every Sunday from 9am to 5pm.

GAME ON: Centre users check out the facilities with Cllr Jackie Smith (right)

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up new base



Sexual health in the spotlight

THIS week is Greenwich Sexual Health Week, and health professionals from the Oxleas NHS Healthcare Trust are promoting HIV prevention and sexual health.

The Metro Centre in Greenwich High Road, which serves gay, lesbian and bisexual people, is handing out World Aids Day red ribbons at train stations and promoting HIV testing. Metro's Outreach team is also working with local schools and colleges throughout the week.

A new online home testing programme for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, is now available. For more information go to www.greenwichsexualhealth.org Rapid at-point-of-care HIV tests, with results available

in one minute, are available free of charge via trained professionals including GPs

The Greenwich Sexual Health free condom scheme is also being publicised throughout the week, along with the new STI and HIV testing clinic at Clover Health Centre in Woolwich New Road.

● On Friday (November 29) a specialist team from Oxleas was at the Woolwich Centre in Wellington Street to encourage HIV testing. Sunday was World AIDS Day, which is held on December 1 each year and gives people worldwide the chance to unite in the fight against HIV, support people living with the disease, and commemorate those who have died.

Cheryl Baker in Demelza concert

SINGER and presenter Cheryl Baker will be among the people taking part in Demelza Hospice Care for Children's carol concert at the Old Naval College in Greenwich. She will be joined by ITV London newsreader Charlene White for the concert on Thursday December 12 at 7.30pm, which features singing from the Old Naval College Chapel Choir. Tickets cost £12 for adults, £6 for children or £30 for a family ticket. To book log on to the events section of the website www.demelza.org.uk or ring 01795 845288. Demelza executive Clare Emmett said: "Our annual carol concert at the Old Naval College in Greenwich is always one of the highlights of our Christmas celebrations. As well as a lovely festive evening it is a chance to celebrate with some of the volunteers, staff and children who make Demelza such a rewarding organisation to work for. And buying a ticket to our carol concert you are also helping us to make Christmas even more special for the families who need us."

● The fourth annual Royal Greenwich Charity Pantomime horse race takes place on Sunday December 22 in aid of Demelza. The zany race of panto horses starts at 1pm from Devonport House.

New museum boss

A NEW chairman has taken over at Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG). He is Sir Charles Dunstone, who is also chairman of the Carphone Warehouse, TalkTalk and The Prince's Trust. He was elected by RMG's Board of Trustees, and takes over from Lord Sterling of Plaistow, who has stepped down after eight years.

Green group grants

GROUPS who are prepared to mentor others in how to set up energy saving projects in the community can apply for Government grants of up to £50,000. They are available via the community energy peer mentoring fund.

Examples of what grants can be spent on include seminars and recouping of lost earnings for organisations undertaking mentoring and expenses such as travel costs for hands-on mentoring such as travel costs.

Organisations must apply in partnership with others. Groups can apply from now until December 12.

● For full details and to apply visit www.sibgroup.org.uk/energy/



PRIMARY CONCERN: juniors work with older pupils in an anti-bullying workshop

Cyber bullying tops the agenda for workshops

STUDENTS from five borough secondary schools have run workshops for local primary school children on anti-bullying.

It was part of a conference to launch Anti-bullying Week, held at Charlton Athletic's ground The Valley, dealing with this year's theme of cyber bullying.

The conference was followed by a series of roadshows in nine primary schools.

Topics covered included safe use of mobile phone and internet communication, using music to promote anti-bullying messages and showing young people how to make safe online friendships.

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THE spotlight will be on small, independent shops and business this Saturday (December 7) when the personal service they provide will be celebrated for Small Business Saturday. Across the borough dozens of shops will have special offers for the day alongside businesses that offer year-round discounts as part of the Greenwich Card scheme. Participating businesses will be displaying Small Business Saturday posters and stickers or the GreenwichCard logo in shop windows. Small Business Saturday is a grassroots campaign borrowed from the United States where it generates billions worth of business. The initiative has won huge support in the UK and the Federation of Small Businesses in London.

East Greenwich trader Lorraine Turton is the Greenwich rep for the Federation of Small Business in London and said: "Small Business Saturday is all about encouraging shoppers to check out one or two local shops they might not otherwise use. In America it did boost trade for small businesses on the day as people made the effort to visit businesses they were not familiar with. As a result people did change their habits and a percentage continued to do so afterwards." The federation is running a competition offering cash prizes to people who take up the challenge of shopping locally

for a week. And the royal borough is running its own competition offering shoppers the chance to enter a prize draw if they purchase goods from local businesses. Up for grabs are four tickets to a suite at Charlton Football Club for the Charlton CAFC v Watford match; two pairs of tickets to Strictly Come Dancing at The 02 and a night's stay at the Mercure Hotel in Greenwich. All you have to do is shop locally in any shop displaying the Small Business Saturday poster then ask the shop to sign the entry form below once you have made your purchase. Then post the form into one of the special entry boxes in The Woolwich Centre, the Eltham Centre or the Tourist Information Centre in Greenwich. Alternatively you can post your entry freepost to Small Business Saturday Prize Draw, Royal Borough of Greenwich, FREEPOST LON15400, London SE18 7BR. Cllr Denise Hyland, the royal borough's cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Christmas is a special time for all local businesses, particularly the smaller ones. For many it's the busiest time of the year. So I would encourage GT readers to support Small Business Saturday and take advantage of the unique personal service that they offer."

Furnishing customers with extra discounts

ELAINE McDermott (left) from the family-owned San Fairy Anne furniture store at the top end of Eltham High Street has always been a keen supporter of the Greenwich Card, and offers discounts of 10 per cent. But for Small Business Saturday she will be offering an extra 10 per

cent – totalling 20 per cent in all. She said: "It's a brilliant scheme, because people need their independent shops more than ever before. It's all about supporting and not big out of town stores. People need to know that if they don't look after their small shops they will lose them. I'm really keen to take part and I'm looking forward to it."

**SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY**
— 7TH DECEMBER —

Fringe benefits

Hairdresser Beyond the Fringe, 203-205, Eltham High Street, Eltham, SE9 1TS, is offering a 25 per cent discount for new clients on the day. Tel: 0208 850 5553.

BLOOMING: Mehmet Yesim from the English Flower House in Greenwich

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Card offers at the Earl

GETTING ready to keep their customers satisfied on Small Business Saturday are Keith and Lesley team from the Earl of Chatham in Thomas Street, Woolwich.

Their pub already takes the Greenwich Card, which means their customers can get 10 per cent off all food and drink orders, apart from things already

on special offer. Said Lesley: "Small Business Saturday is a good idea to encourage people to shop locally, and we are right behind it."

ON TAP: Lesley Tuckler and Natasha Wood from Chatham are all ready

Gon deals

Town centre stores promote special offers for Saturday shopping spree

Floral favours

A BLAZE of colour greets visitors to the English Flower House in Greenwich Church Street, which specialises in English-grown flowers. The shop, run by Bernadette Creagh and Mehmet Yesim, will be offering 10 per cent off everything on Small Business Saturday. Said Bernadette: "I think Small Business Saturday is a brilliant idea with a lot of potential. We value our local customers and it's good to give them these sort of discounts because local high streets have got so much to offer."

Discount fashion

PERRY Andre and Elaine Hoodless, joint proprietors of the Traffic People women's fashions and accessories shop in Church Street, Greenwich,

are delighted to be taking part in Small Business Saturday. "We have been open for three years, and will do everything we are able to get customers in through our

door," said Perry. Apart from special offers in store, Traffic People will offer customers a 15 per cent discount on Small Business Saturday if they produce the Greenwich Time coupon below.

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Manager/staff signature Value of receipt £

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GYPT musical is a real treasure

A THRILLING theatrical voyage of live music sing-along sea shanties and plenty of pirates is sailing into Woolwich this December thanks to the Greenwich Young People's Theatre.

Hosted at the Trams Shed from December 2-22, Treasure Island is a new adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic pirate tale and this new take promises to have all the swashbuckling swagger of the original tale. The story centres on the great granddaughter of the legendary Jim Hawkins and the unexpected adventure she is thrown into when discovering his treasure chest.

Performances are suitable for children aged 5 and upwards. For details of performances times visit www.glypt.co.uk

To book tickets visit www.seetickets.com or call the box office on 020 8854 1316.

Double take for carol service

THERE has been such a demand for tickets to a Christmas carol service in Greenwich that organisers are holding an identical second one 24 hours earlier.

The event is the annual carol service at the Old Royal Naval College on Sunday, December 15. College Chaplain Jeremy Frost said: "All the free tickets for the main carol service have already been given out, so due to popular demand, there will be an extra identical service 24 hours earlier, on Saturday December 14 at 6pm. This one has no tickets – the public are advised simply to turn up and queue, with doors opening at 5.15pm."

The college's whole Advent programme has also been expanded at the chapel this year, and will include a special Advent carol service on December 1 at 3pm, and a children's crib service on December 22.

The full programme is at www.ornc.org by following links to the chapel and events.



LOCAL historian Neil Rhind has collaborated with other masters of the past to create two new history books on royal borough landmarks.

'Walking the Heath' is due out this week while 'Greenwich Revealed' has already sold dozens of copies within days of publication.

Both have been published by the Blackheath Society and give a new insight into familiar locations for residents and visitors alike.

Walking the Heath, has been written in collaboration with Blackheath Society committee member Roger Marshall.

The 70-page book contains more than 60 illustrations; many rare and unusual and some in colour.

It offers three guided walks across and around the Heath, covering the Vanbrugh Pits, the Paragon, the Village, Eliot Place, Whitefield's Mount, Eliot Pits, Dartmouth Terrace, the Point and the Park Wall from Rangers House to the Maze Hill War Memorial - with historical details on many of Blackheath's historic houses.

"The book is a geographical and topographical history of the Heath and we've put in quite a lot of historical matter and maps to guide people," said Neil.

"The 250 acres of the Heath seem to be treeless plain but when you start to explore it closely there is lots to see," Neil told GT.

He dismissed common belief that the Heath was once a burial ground for victims of the plague insisting: "Blackheath isn't named after the Black Death and there are no burial pits. Its named derives from an old English word referring to its blackened soil."

"And it isn't actually a common but open manorial land which was given for the use of people in 1871."

Copies of the book are £7.50 from local book shops, or directly from the Blackheath Society office at Chapman House, Blackheath Village,

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A Christmas Concert - Save the Children. With the Old Royal Naval College Chapel Choir.
Sun Dec 8, 7pm. Box office, Blackheath Halls, 23 Lee Road. 020 8463 0100. Tickets £20, £18, £15.

BOROUGH HALL, ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH.

The Ball: Greenwich Dance is hosting a night of dance, decadence and delights including live music from callimed American jazz singer Kai Hoffman and her vintage jive band Kai's Cats, followed by a DJ. **Sat Dec 14, 8pm. Tickets £18/£15. Book on 020 8293 9741.**

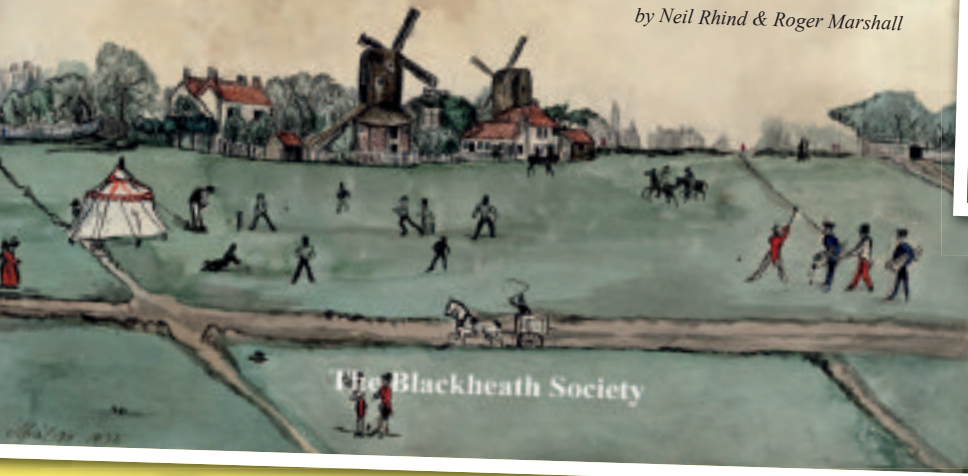
WEST GREENWICH LIBRARY

The Magic of Bugsby - an exhibition of new paintings by seven members of The Bugsby's Group.
Dec 2-31 during library hours.

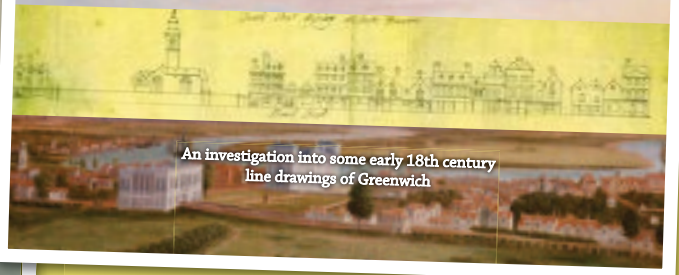
Walking the Heath

An Introduction to its History

by Neil Rhind & Roger Marshall



GREENWICH REVEALED



An investigation into some early 18th century line drawings of Greenwich

HILARY BRYAN talks to a local historian on the release of two new books about the royal borough



HISTORY BUFF: Neil Rhind and the front covers of his latest two books

The past master

with a reduced rate of £5 for members.

Neil's second book *Greenwich Revealed*, was written with the former archivist for Greenwich Heritage Centre Julian Watson.

It includes a recently discovered collection of drawings of Greenwich streets made in about 1705 by a seemingly unknown draftsman/surveyor, but almost certainly thought to be architect Nicholas Hawksmoor,

who designed the Old Royal Naval College. The collection of "strip" drawings lay unrecognised for over 200 years in the archives of the Earl of Pembroke at Wilton House and were brought to Neil's attention by an architectural historian friend.

The drawings show many buildings, of which there are no other surviving images, including the mediaeval church of St Alfege, storm damaged in 1710; the

plain version of the Trinity Almshouses on the river edge; and a remarkable run of houses on Crooms Hill which survive little altered today.

Local artist and Greenwich history enthusiast Peter Kent provided bird's-eye views of early 18th century Greenwich for the book.

"When I saw them my eyes nearly fell out and I immediately contacted Julian. Together we have identified most of them

and it's remarkable what buildings still remain," enthused Neil.

Greenwich Revealed is £10 from local bookshops and from the Warwick Leadlay Gallery, 1-2 Nelson Arcade, Greenwich, London SE10 9JB. Copies of *Walking the Heath* are £7.50 from local book shops, or direct from the Blackheath Society office at Chapman House, Blackheath Village, with a reduced rate of £5 for members.

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THE FORUM, GREENWICH

Jaded at the Forum at Greenwich: A new play for young people exploring themes of domestic abuse. Production by the Little Fish Theatre Company, based on the experiences, opinions and ideas of young people in south London, collected through workshops and social media.

Wednesday December 4 5-7pm . Tickets £3
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WEST GREENWICH LIBRARY

Messy mornings at West Greenwich Library. Christmas-themed craft for kids.

Thursdays December 5, 12, 19. 10.30am to 11.30am. Free.

GENERAL GORDON SQUARE.

Music under the stars. Community celebration featuring bands, a choir, special readings and a period of reflection. Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice's remembrance event as part of their Light Up a Life campaign. **Thursday December 5, 7-8pm. Free.** For details visit www.communityhospice.org.uk/

WEST GREENWICH LIBRARY

Children's Christmas party: Festive part for children featuring a stepz dance workshop, food and games. All children welcome. **Saturday December 7 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Free**

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The Archway Project - Free courses and a place to hang out for 11 to 19-year-olds - daily until December 31.

Mondays 5-7.30pm: repair bicycles, watch movies on a state-of-the-art cinema system, programme computers and robotics. Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7.30pm (11-14 and then 14-19) and Wednesdays 6-8.30pm (14-19), learn motor mechanics on dirtbikes and about film and photography, or to cook and bake. **Call 020 8310**

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WASSAIL NIGHT AT CHARLTON HOUSE, Fri Dec 13, 7-10pm.

Global Fusion Music & Arts present their final event of the year. There will be local a cappella group Morrigan, led by Chris Harrison, The Mock Tudor Band taking us back in time and local folk hero Mike Porter. And the evening will have a folk legend to bring us some Christmas cheer, Wizz Jones. Wizz (pictured) learnt his guitar licks from the likes of Davy Graham and Long John Baldry whilst playing in the coffee bars of London's Soho in the late 1950s, and has been named as an important early

influence by the likes of John Renbourn, Eric Clapton and Keith Richards. After more than 50 years 'on the road' Wizz continues to tour on the Acoustic Folk and Blues circuit. GFMA project manager Louisa Le Marchand, said: "We have had a great year with some amazing events and a Wassail Night with Wizz Jones and all the other artists is a fantastic way to end such a successful year" Tickets are £6 available at www.wegotickets.com or £5 for Greenwich Card Holders on the door from 7pm. Information on 020 8858 9497

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First Band A, followed by Band B both in priority date order.

Those in Band C will then be considered in registration date order.

Please note that there will still be some properties with age restrictions so only people of this age group can apply for these.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of **GreenwichHomes** will be available on **Wednesday 11 December 2013 at midday** and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 8 December 2013.**

24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes
(Choice Based Lettings) Telephone
Bidding Line is available in:
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Information Only

Parlour Houses

3 bed Parlour is counted as a 4 bedroomed

4 Bed Parlour is counted as a 5 bedroomed



Moat Housing Group

Ref Number: 145914
**Gaumont Hse
Odeon Parade
Well Hall Rd SE9**
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat Unlifted
Entry phn Rad C/H
1 pkg space No pets
£109.11 pw



Ref Number: 172689
Ravine Gr SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£89.72 pw



Ref Number: 177613
Froissart Rd SE9
2 Bed Parl Hse
Rad C/H
£121.82 pw



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 181740
Norway St SE10
3 Bed Mais
Entry phn Rad C/H
No pkg/pets/gdn
£141.62 pw



Ref Number: 183375
Heathfield Terr SE18
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£100.38 pw



Ref Number: 183433
Greenbay Rd SE7
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
£93.42 pw



Ref Number: 183449
Well Hall Rd SE9
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Rad C/H
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Hexagon Housing

Ref Number: 183495
**Canterbury Hse
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1 Bed 1st Flr Flat Lifted
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Moat Housing Group

Ref Number: 183516
**Bellville Hse
Norman Rd SE10**
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Moat Housing Group

Ref Number: 183537
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Moat Housing Group

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Norman Rd SE10**
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Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
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Ref Number: 183540
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Norman Rd SE10**
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Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
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Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Ref Number: 183536
The Heights SE7
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Unlifted Warm Air
£91.52 pw

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Information Only

Parlour Houses

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Ref Number: 183570
Kingsman St SE18
2 Bed 5th Flr Mais
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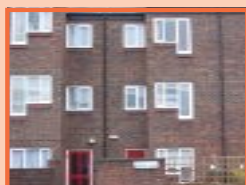


Ref Number: 183675
Charlton Lane SE7
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Warm Air
£94.59 pw



Ref Number: 183676
The Limes Congleton Gr SE18
1 Bed Basement Flat
Entry phone Gas Fire & Rad C/H
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Ref Number: 183679
Barney CI SE7
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
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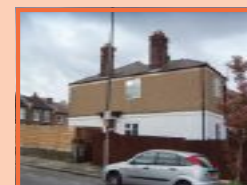


Ref Number: 183710
Bournbrook Rd SE3
2 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
£104.82 pw

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Ref Number: 183711
Charlton Rd SE3
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
£107.48 pw



Ref Number: 183713
Combedale Rd SE10
3 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
£112.92 pw



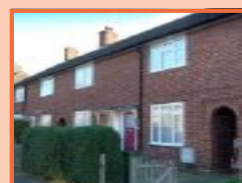
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Plume Hse Creek Rd SE10
3 Bed Grnd Flr Mais
Rad C/H
£119.97 pw



Ref Number: 183718
Lydden Ct Restons Cres SE9
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
No Pkg
£95.34 pw



Ref Number: 183720
The Link SE9
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Combi Boiler & 1 Rad & Gas Fire No Pkg
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Ref Number: 183721
Birdbrook Rd SE3
2 Bed Hse
Rad C/H
£104.82 pw



Ref Number: 183725
Greenvale Rd SE9
4 Bed Parl Hse
Rad C/H
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Ref Number: 183680
Manning Ct Titmuss Av SE28
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
£122.27 pw



Ref Number: 183730
Cowen Hse Mayplace La SE18
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Rad C/H
£109.04 pw



Ref Number: 183743
Victoria Way SE7
Bedsit 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Rad C/H
No pets
£86.97 pw



Ref Number: 145725
Bessemer Pl SE10
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No pets
£140.05 pw

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

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Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

HOW TO BID FOR ADVERTISED PROPERTIES BY TEXT

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CBL, the **property reference number** and your **applicant number**.

The property reference will be on the advert and your applicant number is on the letter we sent to you when you registered for housing.

A successful bid will look like this:

CBL 179104 12191

You will need to do a separate text for each property you wish to bid for and the text is charged at your mobile provider's standard rate. You will receive a text response to confirm your bid within 5 minutes.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 365

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Keightley Drive SE9 2HL	2	MAISONETTE	533	14/03/1988	A
Shaftesbury Court Byron Close Thamesmead SE28 8AD	2	MAISONETTE	163	11/07/2013	B
Rochester Way SE9 6PG	2	HOUSE	778	01/10/2001	A
Westcombe Park Road SE3 7RZ	2	MAISONETTE	471	24/04/2000	A
Valleyside Lansdowne Lane SE7 8TW	2	FLAT		To be allocated	
Maribor Burney Street SE10 8HA	3	FLAT	290	17/02/2013	B
Maribor Burney Street SE10 8HA	3	FLAT	224	05/11/2012	B
Pitmaston House Lewisham Road SE13 7NG	2	FLAT	189	17/07/2013	B
Hevelius Close SE10 0HR	1	FLAT	630	24/06/2002	A
Bostall Hill SE2 0RB	2	FLAT	372	05/02/2013	B
Samuel Street SE18 5LQ	0	FLAT	290	30/06/2010	C
Voce Road SE18 2LW	3	HOUSE	866	23/03/1998	A
Crosslet Vale SE10 8DH	2	FLAT		Withdrawn	
Blithdale Road SE2 9HN	1	FLAT	445	20/03/2012	B
Russell Close SE7 7EQ	1	BUNGALOW	402	01/01/1990	A
Kingsman Street SE18 5PS	2	FLAT	367	31/07/2006	A
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QR	0	FLAT	238	18/08/2009	C
St Alfege Road SE7 8HN	3	PARLOUR HSE	751	05/09/2011	A
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LD	2	FLAT	296	09/08/1999	A
Winchfield Road SE26 5TH	2	FLAT	186	13/05/2010	C
Valiant House Valley Grove SE7 8BD	2	FLAT	272	23/09/2013	B

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Date: 03/12/2013

Mike Hews - Chief Planning Officer

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Applicant: Mr Warren Ciolek 2 BOWATER PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8ST Development: Replacement of existing windows with wooden sash windows and front door with new front door. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL Conservation Area: RECTORY FIELD	13/1838/F	Applicant: Mr Viji Turnhold (Blackheath Properties) Ltd LAND R/O 139 LANGTON WAY, BLACKHEATH, SE3 7JS Development: Demolition of the existing garages and construction of a 4-bed family dwelling. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	13/2901/F
Applicant: Mr Hamish Barber 19 BUSHMOOR CRESCENT, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EG Development: Replacement of existing garage door with a new garage door, installation of new windows, roof lights, side fence, front door step and driveway. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	13/2403/F	Applicant: Mr Foster 61 CONGREVE ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LW Development: Replacement of existing windows and door with new windows and door. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Ardrey Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	13/2938/F
Applicant: Trustees of the RC Diocese of Southwark OUR LADY OF GRACE, CHARLTON ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 7EZ Development: Demolition of existing school buildings and erection of 11 x 5-bed dwellings, 14 flats (9 x 1-bed and 5 x 2-bed) with undercroft parking together with the replacement two form entry, demolition of Parish Hall and erection of new Parish Hall with associated parking and access and alterations to presbytery to include demolition of 2 storey wing. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL	13/2509/O	Applicant: Mr Frost & Mr Mitchell 33 KIDBROOKE GROVE, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 0LE Development: Construction of garage in rear of garden with access from Kidbrooke Gardens. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	13/2942/F
Applicant: Mr Gedas Stanzys 7 SHRAPNEL ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1LB Development: Installation of additional insulation to rear elevation. Library: Eltham Library, 2 Ardrey Road SE9 1HA Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	13/2622/F	Applicant: Mr Anthony Davies 4 REYNOLDS PLACE, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8SX Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL Conservation Area: RECTORY FIELD	13/2957/F
Applicant: Mr R. & Mrs A. MacLennan 4 MEREWORTH DRIVE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EE Development: Replacement of existing windows and patio doors with new UPVC windows and patio doors. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	13/2661/F	Publicity for Listed Building Consent	
Applicant: TeamSport Indoor Karting 3 HERRINGHAM ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8NJ Development: Combined use of the unit as an indoor go-karting centre (for General use) with ancillary facilities and associated car parking. Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE10 6QT	13/2867/F	Applicant: Trustees of the RC Diocese of Southwark OUR LADY OF GRACE, CHARLTON ROAD, CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 7EZ Development: Demolition of existing school buildings and erection of 11 x 5-bed dwellings, 14 flats (9 x 1-bed and 5 x 2-bed) with undercroft parking together with the replacement two form entry, demolition of Parish Hall and erection of new Parish Hall with associated parking and access and alterations to presbytery to include demolition of 2 storey wing. Library: East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road SE10 0RL	13/2692/L
Applicant: Blackheath Conservatoire of Music & Arts BLACKHEATH CONSERVATOIRE, 19-21 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3 Development: Extension and refurbishment of the East end of the Arts building and including the re-roofing of the entire Art building. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	13/2879/F	Applicant: Blackheath Conservatoire of Music & Arts BLACKHEATH CONSERVATOIRE, 19-21 LEE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, SE3 Development: Extension and refurbishment of the East end of the Arts building and including the re-roofing of the entire Art building. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	13/2880/L
Applicant: Dr Meri Pitkanen FLAT 3, 63 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7HS Development: Loft conversion comprising the installation of 5 rear rooflights. Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	13/2887/F	Applicant: Mr Dom Fiore 28 PRIOR STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8SF Development: Enlargement of existing front and rear dormer windows, remodelling and reconfiguration of internal space and replacement of lower ground floor rear window with bi-fold doors. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	13/2890/L
Applicant: Mr Dom Fiore 28 PRIOR STREET, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8SF Development: Enlargement of existing front and rear dormer windows, remodelling and reconfiguration of internal space and replacement of lower ground floor rear window with bi-fold doors. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	13/2889/F	Applicant: Mr Miller 46 CROOMS HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HD Development: Repair and restoration of the existing coach house and the installation of a timber stair to link the two levels. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	13/2898/L
Applicant: Sir Mills, Age Exchange Theatre Trust THE OLD BAKEHOUSE THEATRE, BERNETT PARK, BLACKHEATH, SE3 Development: Retrospective application for reconfigured uses of part ground floor to include General Office Use (GOU). Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK	13/2895/F	Applicant: Mrs Ford 31 GLOUCESTER CIRCUS, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8RY Development: Retention of replacement rear double glazed timber window and doors. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	13/2935/L
Applicant: Mr Miller 46 CROOMS HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8HD Development: Repair and restoration of the existing coach house and the installation of a timber stair to link the two levels. Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	13/2897/F		



'People still don't realise BMX is in the Olympics'

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REGIONAL HOSTS: Hornfair Park recently hosted an event for the south, featuring nearly 200 riders

"It all started when my husband [Perry] won some tickets to the test event for the Olympics, which was held a year before," said Sharan.

"She'd been playing football from the age of five and she just said 'I don't want to do that anymore, I want to do this'."

The nearest venue where the sport could be taken up was Greenwich's Hornfair Park BMX track, which had just been created as part of the royal borough's playground to podium legacy programme.

The venue had only recently opened and after Megan joined in the Saturday training sessions Sharan soon signed up to the committee.

When others on the committee had to pull out, she took on the chairmanship and found enough volunteers to put together a full committee again.

Now, about 35 youngsters from an 80-strong membership, including Megan's older brother Owen, practise there regularly.

After holding some club events, Greenwich has now hosted a London BMX winter series event, when another club pulled out two months beforehand.

Just under 200 riders descended on Hornfair Park, from across the south, for the event in mid-November.

"It's the biggest event we've done so far. For us as a club it was huge," said Sharan.

Events at weekends have also taken the Duhigs to Manchester, the home of

British Cycling, which has now appointed Megan's coach Mark Seaman as their BMX coach, giving her the best chance of developing her skills.

Like Shanaze Reide, Britain's only female BMX competitor in the Olympics, for riders never runs smoothly.

Sharan said of her daughter: "She's a bit of a dare devil. The first time she rode she broke her arm and was out for three months."

But that has not put her off.

Megan will head back this month to Manchester, where, the last time she competed, she finished third behind the world number seven and European number six.

"Many people still don't even realise BMX is in the Olympics," said Sharan, who adds that awareness and participation is "definitely" on the increase since the London Games, when the sport was included for just the second time.

If it were not for those tickets won by Perry, the Duhigs might not have done either.

"Without the Olympic test race and the Olympic Park we probably wouldn't have ever stumbled across the sport," admitted Sharan.

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Family hooked on Meg's BMX bug



FLYING: Megan Duhig is doing well nationally and her parents now help run the borough's club

Youngster on the rise after being inspired by Olympic test event

by Ian Lamont

THREE years ago, Megan Duhig's dad won the chance to attend the BMX test event at the Olympic Park, through Games partner EDF Energy.

Megan was hooked - and now her parents are heavily involved not just in ferrying her to competitions across the country, but in running Greenwich's BMX Club.

The youngster has risen to eighth in the under 13 national rankings this year and harbours ambitions of competing in the Olympics herself one day.

"That's her aim," says mum Sharan, who is now chairman of Greenwich BMX club, which recently hosted a major event of its own.

The Duhigs' story is one typical of a child finding an interest and parents doing everything they can to encourage their offspring's enthusiasm.

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